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54. (Original) The method of claim 49 wherein the enhancing-bacteria is rhizobacteria.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54 wherein the enhancing-bacteria comprises *M. arabinogalactanolyticum*.

56. (Original) The method of claim 54 wherein the enhancing-bacteria comprises *M. liquefaciens*.

57. (Original) The method of claim 49 wherein the plants are planted in the soil as seeds.

58. (Original) The method of claim 57 wherein the enhancing-bacteria is added to the seeds as well as to the soil.

OK 59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 49 wherein the enhancing-bacteria is rhizobacteria.

60. (Original) The method of claim 59 wherein the enhancing-bacteria comprises *M. arabinogalactanolyticum*.